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Tire Round Up

The Kickapoo Environmental Office is announcing a reservation Tire Roundup for the week starting Monday, September 15 and going until noon on September 19. This roundup is being held for reservation residents only in an effort to protect our Tribal lands from being a dumping ground for illegal waste. By noon on Friday, all the tires collected will be hauled away for recycling, and we will no longer accept any tires.

This is what you need to do. Bring your tires in to the back of the Kickapoo Environmental Office and place them neatly between the recycling trailer and our new storage shed. If you have several tires, then please stack them. Bring in tires only, no rims please since they tack on an additional fee. In order to offer this program in the following years, we need to keep the cost down when we can. If you examine some of our illegal dumps, you will find that several of them



contain tires. We also know that several of you have been hoarding tires and wondering what to do with them. For one week only, you can bring them to us. After that week you can always haul your tires to the Brown County Transfer station South of Hiawatha, and they will collect the tires at a price of \$1.50 each as long as it's a rimless, passenger tire. Rims and bigger tires cost more money. We hope this proves to be a successful and beneficial service to the people of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas.

Announcing: Second Community Cleanup of the Year

"That's right. We're having a second community cleanup this year, and it will occur September 29 through October 3. So if you missed the first one, then put your stuff out for this one. We will accept large bulky items that can't be handled by regular trash service. This includes furniture, appliances, toys, and so on. We will not accept lead-based paints or other hazardous materials such as oil, gas, and chemicals. We will not accept tires or batteries. You should place your trash near to the road or curb so our workers can pick it

up. Also, if you need assistance removing items from your house, then please call us and notify us at the Environmental Office at 486-2601.

This year we have enough money to fund a 2nd Cleanup, and that's not usually the case. We believe that by providing this service we can cut down on the illegal dumping that goes on out here, and that is our goal. Your children and your grandchildren deserve to live on a reservation that hasn't been ravaged by inconsiderate garbage,

Weatherizing Your Home

Information gleaned from the Internet

It's time to start preparing for winter. It's time to see if you need to weatherize your home. That could mean sealing up cracks that let cold air in. An example of how cracks affect your indoor air at home was found on the internet. Picture yourself standing in a winter wind with a good coat, a hat and gloves on. Then imagine that the coat and gloves have holes in them, and you're not so warm. Cold air is now allowed to infiltrate your environment. That's what happens to your home, too, if there's a lot of drafts or cracks in your home environment. Your home is limited on the amount of air it can hold, so infiltrating cold air

You Can Save Up to 30% in heating costs by Weatherizing Your Home

has to push out warmer air. You combat the cold air by cranking up the heater and paying a higher energy bill, but there are other things you can do instead. You can weatherize to make your home more energy efficient. Start weatherizing by inspecting the interior and exterior for drafts and leaks. Doors and windows with gaps, or those that are loose probably need weatherstripping. If you can close a door or window on a piece of paper and pull it out without tearing it, you're losing energy when it gets cold. Fill cracks with caulk.

Caulk and Weatherstrip Your Home

Most people buy either silicone or latex to weatherize their home. Silicone costs a bit more but lasts much longer. Both have their advantages and disadvantages. Also, depending on where you intend to caulk, you will need either interior or exterior caulk. You will also need a caulking gun which is inexpensive and can last you a lifetime if you take care of it. Always read the caulk label to see what you're getting, and be aware of the kind of surface you are applying the caulk to. If you haven't done this before, then practice on a piece of cardboard to get a good line of caulk down.

Here's some rules to caulk by:

1. Make sure area is clean and dry
2. Apply caulk carefully, don't leave gaps, wipe away excess.
3. Gently smooth out the bead of caulk using a plastic spoon or popsicle stick and let it dry a few days before you paint over it. (you can't paint over silicone caulk)

When you've finished, lay the caulking down on a piece of newspaper - caulk may still ooze out for a while. Put a galvanized nail or wire hanger in your caulk tube to seal it from the outside air.

Yoda did not know how to caulk until he read this article.



Hopefully, they've caulked and weatherstripped this home